



# Legal Aid Society of Hawai`i

## Restraining Orders: What to do with an Out-Of-State TRO\* in Hawaii

This brochure will explain your options are if you have a temporary restraining order (TRO) from another state.

In this brochure, TROs refer to TROs from both Family Court and District Court.

\* Each state may have a different name for their orders protecting abuse victims. TROs can also be referred to as Protective Orders (POs), Restraining Orders, Injunction Against Harassment, or other similar names.

## IMPORTANT:

Federal law requires all states to recognize out-of-state TROs AND enforce out-of-state TROs like they enforce their own TROs.

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I have a TRO from another state. What should I do?

If you have a TRO from another state, you should always have with you:

- TWO (2) copies of your TRO -- one for yourself and one to give to the police if necessary, AND
- if possible, have any kind of proof that your abuser was given “reasonable notice;” for example, a “*Proof of Service*” form. (Note: the TRO itself might say your abuser was given notice).

If, for some reason, you cannot have TWO copies of the TRO with you, keep it in a safe place you can get to easily, like your house or a relative’s home. A safety deposit box at the bank is NOT a good idea because you won’t be able to get to the box if the bank is closed.

### If Your Abuser Finds You...

Call the police immediately.

Show the police a copy of your TRO (try to have a certified copy) and any proof that your abuser received “reasonable notice.”

If your abuser tells the police that he/she didn’t know about the TRO, ask the police officer to inform your abuser about what the TRO means. For example, he/she must stay 100 yards away from you until February 2001 or else he/she can be arrested.

Once the police officer does this, your abuser will have received “reasonable notice.” After this, if your abuser contacts you again, call the police. They should arrest him/her.

#### **Each time your abuser contacts you, you should:**

- File a police report, AND
- Get the police officer’s name and the report number, AND
- Tell the officer that you want to write a statement for the police report (write a short statement about what happened, especially if the police read the TRO to your abuser).

If you are still unsure about your TRO and would like information about what else you can do with your TRO, you should know that...

You have the option of:

- filing your TRO at a police station AND/OR
- filing your TRO at Family Court.

There are DISADVANTAGES to each of these options and sometimes may not be a good idea. For instance, if your abuser does not know you are in Hawai'i, he/she may be able to find out if you file your TRO in either place.

You should call the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i (LASH) hotline or the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline (DVCLH) for more information and advice on your specific situation. *See back of this brochure for phone numbers.*

## Safety Planning for You and Your Family

- Consider where you and your children would go and what you would do if your abuser came back OR if you were in a dangerous situation.
- Keep phone numbers of shelters with you at all times. *See back of this brochure for phone numbers.*
- Think about who you would call. Give your children phone numbers of family friends or relatives to call and places to go in an emergency.
- Talk to your children and neighbors and friends. Let them know what is going on and tell them to call the police if something unusual happens.
- Keep essential items with you OR in a place you can get to easily. Include medication, extra cash, change of clothes, birth certificates, keys, shelter numbers, and identification.
- DVCLH's brochures: "*Plan for Your Life*" & "*Plan for Their Lives*" provide additional helpful tips and information on safety planning. Call DVCLH for a copy. *See the back of this brochure for their phone number.*

## Useful Names and Numbers

### Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i

LEGAL HOTLINE OPEN MON - FRI:  
9:00am-11:30am & 1:00pm-3:30pm

Oahu: 536-4302      Maui: 244-3731  
Hilo: 934-0678      Kona: 329-8331  
Kauai: 245-7580      Molokai: 553-3251  
Lanai: 565-6089

### Domestic Violence Clearinghouse & Legal Hotline (DVCLH)

.....531-3771 (Oahu)  
.....242-8645 (Maui)  
.....1-800-690-6200 (Neighbor Islands)

### Student Advocates for Victims of Domestic Violence (SAVD)

..... 566-0661 (Oahu)

### District Courts

OAHU: 1111 Alakea Street,  
Honolulu  
538-5150

MAUI  
COUNTY: 2145 Main Street, Suite 137  
Wailuku  
244-2800

HAWAII  
ISLAND:  
Hilo: 75 Aupuni Street, Rm 205  
961-7470  
Kona: Old Kona Hospital  
Keakealani Bldg, Rm 240  
322-2022  
Hamakua: S. Kohala Courthouse  
Waimea Civic Center  
67-5175 Kamamalu St  
885-4615

KAUAI: 3059 Umi Street, Room 201  
246-3347 or 246-3330

### Family Courts

OAHU: Adult Services Branch  
538-5959

MAUI  
COUNTY: 2145 Main Street, Suite 226  
244-2770

HAWAII  
ISLAND:  
Hilo: file at Circuit Court (75 Aupuni St)  
hearings at 345 Kekuanaoa St  
934-5700  
Kona: file TRO documents and hearings  
at same location  
Family Court  
77-6399 Nalani St.  
329-7377

KAUAI: 3059 Umi Street, Room 201  
246-3350

### Hawaii Police Departments -- CALL "911"

Look in the City & County section (under POLICE)  
of your telephone book for the address nearest to you.

### Main Stations:

OAHU: 801 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu  
MAUI: 55 Mahalani Street, Wailuku  
HAWAII ISLAND: 349 Kapiolani Street, Hilo  
KAUAI: 3060 Umi Street, Lihue

### Shelter Phone Numbers

OAHU: 841-0822 (Honolulu & Leeward)  
528-0606 (Windward)  
533-7125 (Military)

MAUI: 579-9581

HAWAII ISLAND: 959-6118 (Hilo)  
or 959-8864  
322-7233 (Kona)  
or 322-2799

KAUAI: 245-6362

LANAI: 579-9581 call collect

MOLOKAI: 567-6888